

A PAIR OF CELEBRITIES

OR A FORT BARRANCAS
ROMANCE.By
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Robinson.

"My point of view has changed, you must remember. The standard of beauty in the Philippines is somewhat different from that held in the states. Does your beauty wear a ring in her nose and encircle her eyes? If so—"

"Don't be an idiot. She is lovely and you are to take her in to dinner. And during the evening she has promised to sing. If you don't admire her beauty you will adore her voice—everybody does."

"And everybody's taste in music may invariably be trusted."

"I don't see why you insist on being disagreeable. Most men would jump at the chance I am giving you. But make a hero of a man and you have spoiled him."

"You aren't responsible for my heroism. I owe that to circumstances and the yellow journals. But you are very good to give me a party and as I am not the only lion I shall be expected to do all the roaring, so if you can guarantee my contemporaries to be all you have painted her I shall be glad to come and do my humble best not to disgrace you."

"I am willing to trust you. Heroes are expected to be somewhat eccentric."

"And what of the Beauty? Is she eccentric, too?"

"Madame Mainwaring will satisfy even your critical taste. She is a princess traveling incognito. I am sure. The delightful mystery surrounding her is one of her greatest charms. She is beautiful, apparently wealthy, certainly high-born and has the voice of a siren, or an angel."

"Doubtless very interesting but, it would seem to me, a somewhat doubtful personage to admit into one's drawing-room."

"You have imbibed some ugly, cynical views in your wanderings. When I knew you some years ago, my dear boy, you were not given to small prejudices and skeptical wisdom. I believe I like the old Reginald better than this world-worn man, even if the latter is a scarred warrior of many battles and the other only a kind-hearted boy."

"I like the kind-hearted boy best, myself. But, unfortunately, the scarred warrior has had to fight other battles than those on the high seas, and shrapnel and shell don't wound as deeply as some other weapons he has had to face. But I shall put my small prejudices in my pocket and come only prepared to admire both the Beauty and the Beast of the evening."

"As Mrs. Houston boarded the south-bound car she shook her head over what she termed Berresford's delinquencies. And as she sat in the draughty station waiting for the dummy to take her to Barrancas her brain was weaving a plot for his reformation—she had already laid her mine. Berresford should meet her Beauty and she felt that a kind fate would do the rest."

Mrs. Houston found it dull at Barrancas. If it had not been for the babies and the Colonel's occasional rages who would have died of ennui. She did not realize her blessings but these were what really saved her. Excitement was as the very breath of Mrs. Berresford's aristocratic nostrils. And the Colonel and the babies afforded her plenty of a certain kind—the other she was finding in the arrival of the Beauty and the advent of Berresford and the Beauty at the same time.

The Beauty had descended on her horizon one week before the fleet had arrived. She was a distant cousin of Dr. Matheson at the navy yard. It was said she had been a social star before she became an operative one. She was on her way to spend the season at Palm Beach, taking this circuitous route to make a short visit to the doctor and his pretty wife, so she had told Mrs. Houston.

It seemed providential that she should have come at this time and

that Berresford should have been with the fleet.

By the time Mrs. Houston had half-way to Barrancas she had her mine in her imagination fired, and her battle won; Berresford should marry the Beauty.

It was not natural to suppose that Berresford still cared for the woman who had wrecked his life. Since their divorce she had disappeared and Berresford had told Mrs. Houston this morning that he had heard nothing of her for years. For some time he had been cognizant of her whereabouts through his lawyer, but she



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had finally disappeared from all knowledge of the old world which she knew her. Mrs. Houston felt sure she was dead. She hoped, viciously, that she was.

How unhappy Berresford had been—how unhappy he was now. And how well he deserved to be happy. She had known him since her school days. They had been cousins and chums and she had grieved in his sorrows and gloried in his triumphs—for he had had his triumphs and his nation was proud to honor him. But of Mrs. Houston's loving perception the face of her old friend seemed weary of the battle and the eyes of the fighter hungry for peace.

By the time Mrs. Houston had reached Barrancas she had married Berresford to her Beauty.

When Berresford entered Mrs. Houston's drawing-room on the evening of his introduction to Barrancas society he felt curiously awkward and cursed the propensity of Americans for continually running after some new thing—especially if one of these things happened to be a bored young officer who had distinguished himself somewhat beyond his fellows.

The Beauty was late and Berresford put in a bad half hour answering the idiotic questions of exclamatory women with as much suavity as a

very bad humor would permit, and allowing himself to be patronized by the men. Such is the penalty of heroism.

When the Beauty at last appeared it was with a sigh of genuine relief that he offered her his arm and conducted her to the dining-room; he felt that only a very good dinner could compensate for the torture he had undergone. The dinner was extremely good and the attention he paid it was more marked than that he gave to Madame Mainwaring, who, after a few futile attempts at conversation bestowed her attention on an apprecia-

tion. Is it no wrong to send him drifting on the world with an anchor to hold him from all the evil therein? For the last five years my life has been a black depth of wretchedness. I do not owe it to you that it has not been a black depth of sin, also, though, God knows—"

"Mrs. Houston is looking at us," she said. "Smile! Don't look so savage. And do eat some dinner—it is very good."

"In my eyes," he continued, "and in the eyes of God you are my wife. No legal quibbling will ever make you less so."

"But—"

"But I gave you your freedom because I would not hold you by the bonds which you found galling. When circumstances forced us into a marriage of convenience I swore to love and cherish you until death parted us. To the best of my ability I have kept that vow. For years I watched over you and guarded you, through others, as best I could. Your womanly independence rebelled against my surveillance. I suppose, and you disappeared. The fates which mock at us saved my life again and again. For what, He who gave it only knows. I return after many years in which I have tried to forget to find you leading a false life under an assumed name."

"My life is not false," she said gently. "I am living in the best I know how. Do you remember, there was a little sob in her voice, 'do you remember a little song I used to sing for you—To Dream of You—I have not sung it—since—until the other day in a hospital. There was a soldier dying and he asked me to sing. I sang it then. Oh, Reginald!' He had put his hand to his eyes."

She turned and addressed the young man on her other side. When she turned again toward Berresford there was a look of joy and yearning on his face.

"Marcel!" he whispered.

Mrs. Houston gave the signal for rising, and as Madame Mainwaring rose her hand touched Berresford's. "Dear!" she said, with a radiant smile.

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Thursday evening from 3 to 8 Santa Claus will meet his little and big friends at the C. A. of A. hall.

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The friends of Mr. O'Brien of this city were unable to reconcile his reported support of this bill with his well known interests in all things affecting the interests of the bar pilots of the country, therefore, a number of liquors were wired to him by interested parties for an explanation of his position.

One of Mr. O'Brien's friends who could not understand his reported stand, was Secretary W. C. Jones, of the Chamber of Commerce of this city who telegraphed him inquiring as to the authority of the published report of his stand on the matter. In reply Secretary Jones received a telegram from Capt. O'Brien on yesterday afternoon, stating that he is not only opposed to the passage of the Brownlow bill, but that he will oppose its passage with all of his ability and influence.

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